



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 20, 2008

TO: Chairperson and Boardmembers

FROM: Housing and Redevelopment Division, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Purchase Order Amendment For Relocation Services Related To 633 And 635 Bath Street Properties Acquisition

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Redevelopment Agency Board authorize an increase of \$6,503.59, for a total amount not to exceed \$31,253.59, to Redevelopment Agency Purchase Order No. 375995 with Hamner, Jewell and Associates for additional costs that have resulted from changes in the scope of work associated with resident relocation services.

DISCUSSION:

The properties at 633 and 635 Bath Street are situated adjacent to Mission Creek and were acquired under the Agency's Mission Creek Flood Control Enhancements project with the intent of developing a neighborhood park that would also serve as a green space buffer to the creek.

A professional services purchase order in the amount of \$24,750 for Hamner, Jewel and Associates (HJA) to provide relocation services to residents of the properties at 633 and 635 Bath Street was approved by the City Administrator in August 2006.

HJA was selected as a sole source vendor because at that time, they were providing acquisition and relocation services under contract with the Public Works Department for the Haley Street bridge project. The Haley Street bridge is located two blocks from the Bath Street properties and staff anticipated efficiencies resulting from similarities and the contractor's knowledge of the creek widening project.

During the course of the acquisition, the process was lengthened somewhat through negotiations with the property owners and efforts to orchestrate the tenant relocation. Extra effort was made to ensure a comfortable and sensitive process for the parties involved. As a result, some anticipated efficiencies were lost and additional work was required to complete the project. However, staff feels that the approach reflected well upon the City. HJA proved to be an invaluable partner by effectuating a smooth escrow process and tenant relocation.

Staff is therefore requesting a funding increase to the agreement for services performed by HJA.

FUNDING:

The Agency has sufficient funds available in the project account for the increase in professional services provided.

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